

Tomorrow is the Last Day of "Opening" Souvenirs.

The Palais Royal Annual "Opening" in the departments devoted to Cotton Underwear and Shirt Waists has always been associated with complimentary prices—the practical Souvenirs of the occasion. The 1901 "Opening" terminates tomorrow with the closing of the store. Choice is offered of a \$20,000 collection of new summer garments, as follows:

\$1.98 for \$2.50 Garments.

(Choice of 30 Styles.)

Until Wednesday at 6 p.m., choice is offered of any \$2.50 garment at \$1.98. The Gowns have high and low necks, short and long sleeves. The Skirts have wide insertings of laces and embroideries. The Corset Covers, Chemises and Drawers are as daintily trimmed as a Paris hat. In fact, French style undergarments are here regularly at nearly half the price of the imported-\$1.98—until tomorrow evening.

\$1.29 for \$1.75 Garments.

(Choice of 57 Styles.)

Gowns, Skirts, Corset Covers, Chemises and Drawers of finest cambric and nainsook, only little less elaborately trimmed than the \$2.50 garments. The one is quietly attractive, the other is audaciously so. Many will prefer the lower-priced garments, irrespetive of cost. In fact, this \$1.75 underwear is so very popular that no less than 57 different styles are shown. A bridal outfit at reasonable cost may be selected from this collection.

59c. for 75c. Garments.

(Until Tomorrow Evening.)

These 75c garments are the only formidable competitors of the Palais Royal \$1 Underwear. Less elaborately trimmed—this 75c Underwear-but you'll note that the materials are just as fine, the lace and embroidery trimmings just as reliable, the finish and fit just as satisfactory. Choice of 12 styles French and Tight-fitting Cambric and Nainsook Corset Covers, 10 styles of High and Low-neck Gowns, 4 styles of Skirts, with embroidery ruffle on cambric flounce; o styles Drawers, with lace and embroidery trimmings; 35 different styles, with smallest to extra sizes in all styles. 59c instead of 75c -until tomorrow evening.

79c for \$1.00 Garments.

(Choice of 65 Styles.)

The Palais Royal \$1 Underwear has been famous for nearly a quarter century. It's twenty-four years since the Palais Royal proprietor impressed on his "buyer" that "we must have the best \$1 Undergarments in Washington." The makers and we have often been content with less than usual profit. By hook or by crook the Palais Royal \$1 garments have and always will be best. Note the price until tomorrow evening-79c.

30c for 50c Garments.

(Two to Each Purchaser.)

Think of only 30c for a Nightgown that isn't cheap—that has good embroidery ruffle around neck and sleeves. And only 30c for French Corset Covers with embroidery at neck and arms. The complimentary prices made as souvenirs of the "Opening" are made to introduce the new Underwear to greatest possible numbers in least possible time. We can't afford to sell more than two of each to each purchaser. Please note.

The Mill & Factory Sale.

The sale goes merrily on. We all are in good humor-even the mill and factory owners, who are giving us the bargains of a lifetime. "The Modern Merchant," a trade journal, puts the reason tersely: "May has been one of the most disagreeable, and from a trade standpoint, most disastrous months of the year."

M. and F. Sale of Housefurnishings.

discount-one-tenth off marked

BARBITT'S SOAP	i
Floating Soap	•
Oleine Soan, 4 cakes	۱
Household Ammonia, 5c bottles	i
Toilet Paper, 5c rolls	
Lye or Potash, 5c value	•
Powdered Rorsy to Dound	۰
Gas Lighter and box of Tapers1	
Ceiling Duster, 6-ft. handle	

F. & M. Hose. TO - Con The to \$1 Fency Liste Hose

Joc in polka dots, stripes and silk et broidered novelties, ladies and men's.	L
39c for 50c and 25c for 35c quali Black Lisle Hose, in all-over la effects; styles for ladies, misses and men.	te
19c for 25c Black, Polka Dot, Stri and other Fancy Hose, for ladic children and men; all new summer styles.	p

\$5.98

For \$10 Gas Ranges. The Family Size Range with

3 top burners and large asbestos lined oven. \$5.98 instead of \$10. Basement floor.

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Screen Doors, 79c. value			59e
Window Shades, 25c value			19e
China Matting, 19c value			12e
Porch Rockers, \$1 value			89e
Rustic Settees, \$5.00 value			\$3.50
Folding Settees, 75c value			49c
Woven Hammocks, 75c value.			
Mosquite Nets, 8 yards Figured Silkoline, 12c value.			48c
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Furniture Dept.

Trunks at 10 per cent discount-one-tenth off marked

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Children's Goods.

79c for \$1.50 Poke Bonnets of Swiss Mull and Organdy. Large puffed crown of lace, embroidery and ribbon, white 98C for Children's Lace and Embroid-ery-trimmed Wash Dresses, worth up to \$2. Only sizes 6 months to 4 years. \$2.39 for Summer Cloth Reefers, in \$5. Third floor.

"Opening" the Summer Shirt Waist Season.

The "soft" collar and cuffs, the less tight sleeves, the feminine-like daintiness of the tout ensemble, all help to make the summer shirt waist of 1901 the most attractive of many seasons. The Palais Royal collection includes only the best makes. Every garment, from the least priced to the most expensive, can be guaranteed to fit accurately and prove desirable in every respect. The following complimentary quotations until 6 p.m. tomorrow:

\$1.86

(\$2.25 Waists.)

India Linon and Linen Shirt

Waists, with several insertings

of embroiderles and large sailor

cellar of embroldery. Other

styles in white, polka dots, etc.

(\$1.75 Waists.)

\$1.29

Choice of India Linon, Chambray, Lawn, Batiste and Gingham Waists. Some hemstitched and tucked, some with insertings of embroidery. All sizes; in all (\$1.25 Waists.)

The materials and styles are much the same as in the \$1.75 less elaborate. Two to a purchaser-at 89c.

Choice of India Linon, Gingham

and Percale Shirt Waists, plain and tucked. All with very latest style collar and sleeves. All sizes, in all styles.

(\$1.00 Waists.)

M. and F. Silks. White Taffeta, 75c value......59c Japanese Silk, 50c value......39c Wash Dress Goods.

Beautiful Dimities, 1214c value. 614c
American Ginghams, 1214c value. 8c
Scotch Ginghams, 374c value. 15c
Imported Swisses, 50c value. 19c

Suit Department. \$3.99 for \$5 Golf Skirts of double-faced cloth. Tailor finished. Deep stitching. Third floor.

\$3.99 for \$7 Cloth Eton Jackets. Only \$5.98 for \$10 Silk Etons. Third

98c for \$1.50 and \$1.75 Lawn Wrapbroidery and braid trimmed. Third floor.

M. and F. Laces.

1 Oc yard for 25c quality Black, White, Cream and Linen-color Galloons of Chantilly, Point de Parls, Milan and English Laces. Widths up to 5 inches.

50c yard for 9-inch Black Silk Chantilly 18-inch Point de Paris All-over worth 80c yard.

5C yard for 121/2c quality Point de Paris, Torchon and Medici Lace Insertings up to 5 inches wide.

Toilet Articles.

"Borine," 69c bottles for......39c Soaps, 3 cakes in box.....7e Mirrors, some worth 50c.....

Rubber Goods. Dr. Wilhoff's \$2.50 Syringes......\$1.98

Fountain Syringes, 75c value......49c Hot-water Bottles for49°

THE PALAIS ROYAL, A. Lisner, G and Eleventh Sts.

Commencement Exercises Held in Franklin Building.

MR. MACFARLAND'S ADDRESS

Remarks of Others Interested in Educational Progress.

LIST OF GRADUATES

Commencement exercises of the Washington Normal School were held this morning at the Franklin School building, and fortyfour young ladies and two young men received diplomas which render them eligible as teachers. A program of addresses and music made the occasion a most interesting and pleasurable one.

The exercises were held in the large hall on the upper floor of the building. The audience which filled the place was composed besides the relatives and friends of the graduates, of many of the school officials and teachers. From the profusion of flowers which formed a veritable stack of blossoms on either side of the platform, where class was seated, it would seem that each admiring guest had brought an offering. A background of ivy set off the white dresses of the young ladies, and the class, as it sat in solid phalanx, was the subject of complimentary comment by each of the speakers.

Advice to the Graduates. Superintendent Stuart officiated at the

exercises, and his humorous remarks and iocular introduction of speakers enlivened the occasion throughout. Good advice was given the young teachers, as they were termed, by every one who addressed them.

The congratulations of the government of the District of Columbia were offered in a most feeling manner by Commissioner H.
B. F. Macfarland. Mrs. Ida Gilbert Myers,
principal of the Normal School, talked to
her departing class regarding their future.
Her expressions were full of earnest feeling
for the welfare of each individual in the for the welfare of each individual in it, and her remarks impressed her auditors most forcibly. "Heart's Springtime" by Miss Alice Bently, instructor of music in the Normal School, and her effort was warmly applauded. Mr. John T. Freeman, supervising principal, talked to the class in a most practical manner. He spoke from the standpoint of those whose duty it is to supervise teachers, and he welcomed them as recruits to the ranks. After choruses by the class, under the leadership of Miss Bently, Mr. George H. Harries was introduced by Mr. Stuart as the senior member of the board of education in length of serv-ice. Mr. Harries had been accused of writ-ing a speech during the exercises by Mr. Freeman, and Superintendent Stuart took ccasion to make a most elaborate introduction of the vice president of the board. Calling their attention to all the good adwice they had received, Gen. Harries said he simply wanted to add the two words "silence and work." He told them jocosely to beware of the supervising principal, and detailed most vividiy the criticisms Mr. Freeman would be making to them indi-vidually when they were actually in the harness. The class was warned against living in the future, and encouragement ex-tended to those who might not meet with

Award of Diplomas.

Gen. H. V. Boynton, president of the board of education, presented the graduates with their diplomas after making a most exhilarating speech. Gen. Boynton was most profoundly impressed with the occasion, he said, and made some very invidious comparisons to the detriment of the "self-elected four hundred of society," as he termed it, and the splendid array of substantial humanity he saw before him. There was no future in anything but solid merit and hard work, he declared, and the work of teaching the children of the nation he regarded as the most important occupation of all.

hite and gold, was handed to each grad-GOSSIP FROM GOTHAM uate by Gen. Boynton, a hand-clapping congratulation was extended by the audience, and after the formalities had concluded these congratulations were made personal, and a happy, informal reception

held by the class.

Mr. Macfarland's Address. Commissioner Macfarland's address, which was the main event of the day, was as follows:

It is with real feeling that I offer the congratulations of the government of the District of Columbia to the first Normal School graduating class of the twentieth century. It means much to the community as well as to you that we are celebrating today the commencement of your professional life, for you are of the chivalry of this modern time, giving yourselves, like your brethren the ministers and the newspaper men, the artists and the writers, to the service of the race without hope of material reward. You are undertaking the training of the future citizens of the Dis-trict of Columbia. You are to make in large leasure the citizenship of the national capital in the opening century. You are o do it, not for money, although you will be partly paid in money, and you are now assured by one of the wisest acts of the board of education of tenure by merit; but you will do it for love of the work itself and for the joy of its results. To freely give again what you have freely received adding to it from day to day and learning as you teach—this will be your satisfaction. To be able of say in the noble words of the Old Book, "Oh, Lord God, Thou hast given speak a word in season," will be your inner gratification, compensating you for what-ever you may lack of the ordinary prizes of the world. To have a worthy task and to do it worthily is perhaps the best thing

As the national capital has grown the n its public schools have increased in geometrical proportion. They have to deal with the children of a remarkable population, sifted from the best of the people in all the states and territories, and constantly increasing in general intelligence, and therefore in exacting demands. They have to work in the midst of a constantly swelling flood of new books and new methods which must be proved before they can be used. They have to work under the high pressure of social conditions constantly becoming more complex. All this i appreciated by you. Yet you courgeously and cheerfully face the duty as an opportunity, and you have painstakingly quali-fied yourselves to do so. Rest assured that as you enter upon your stewardship you have not only the congratulations, but the hearty sympathy and prayer of all that is best among the people of the District of

ossible here, and that, we are sure, will

List of Graduates.

The graduates were: Virginia Josephine Arnold, Rosa Anna Baier, Carrie Augusta Barker, Margaret Roberta Benjamin, Helen Bickford, Hildur Christina Bostrom, May Paul Bradshaw, Helen Marion Brown, Rose Evelyn Castelle, Amy Louise Concklin, Maud Clara Conover, Ida Adelaide Cranford, Florence Nisbet Crossfield, Lucy Agnes Cuddy, Mabel Cameron Davies Marie Lulu Dodd, Clara Louise Donovan, Juliet Elizabeth Dyer, Margaret Emma Follin, Clara Anna Hinzen, Eleanor Bruce Hoyme, Annie Cecelia Kellher. Johanna Helena Kenealy Henrietta King, Gertrude Louise Ladson Emma Neota Lansdale, Mary Lena Leins Mary Laurieston Linn, Mary Frances Mars den, Neilie Blanche Moriarty, Louise A Mourning, Josephine Gertrude Murphy, Jo seph Alexander Murphy, Grace Gadson Newton, Lena Reed, Rosalie A. Robinette Martha Schultz, Margaret Genevieve Silvester, Christianna Houseal Thomson, Ruby Ella Thonssen, Sophia Adelia Vogt, Mary Ellen Whelpley, Margaret Eva Whitzell, Royden Keith Whitford, Anne Elizabeth Wright, Marion Eleanor Yoder.

Transport to Be Laid Up.

The transport McClellan has arrived at New York from the West Indies and the transport Sedgwick has left Santiago for New York. In accordance with the instructions of the Secretary of War these vessels have been permanently withdrawn from this line and will be laid up at New York for future use in case of necessity. According to the officers of the quartermaster general's department the two trans ports have made their last trip, in the govfor use on the line to the Philippines. As the little roll, tied with ribbon of

United Movement for Improved Sunday School Instruction.

Scarcity of Panama Hats-Corset's for Shirt Waist Man.

GIFT TO CITY'S BLIND

Special Correspondence of The Evening Star.

NEW YORK, June 17, 1901. A united movement for improvement in this city that has a national significance.

It is wholly a lay movement, and is for characteristics, straight front included, of the better instruction of lay Bible teachers. Columbia University, Union Theological Seminary, Amity Baptist College and the Episcopal Sunday school commission are all interested in the movement. In a word, the scheme is to bring to lay Bible instruction all that has been learned in secular education. Agitation on this point has been on for some time throughout the whole country. Responding to it Dean Russell of the Teachers' College has formulated a plan. The effort is to make it adapted to all religious bodies. The scheme is to have common instruction up to the point where denominational differences begin, and from there to provide specialists. Union Theological Seminary is making an effort to secure Richard Morse Hodge, M.A., the head of the Nashville Bible Institute, to undertake lay instruction for Christian workers. A part of the necessary salary for five years has been secured, and it is under-stood that President Hodge will accept if Union becomes able to make the offer. The project of Dean Russell is to provide one and perhaps two great model Sunday schools. He proposes to make on Sundays of the Horace Mann foundation and, if need be, the new Speyer one, all that these institutions are on week days. The proposition is to throw one or both of these

great foundations open on Sundays, invite pupils from everywhere, and there permit pupils in the proposed lay Bible schools to put what they have learned into practice. The Mayor and the New Bridge. The members of the new East river bridge commission have deftly turned the tables on Mayor Van Wyck. Unless they change their minds Mayor Van Wyck will path of the new bridge. Mayor Van Wyck, soon after he took office, predicted that he would cross the span before he finished his term, and it was expected that he would get an invitation to cross. It seems, however, that the commissioners have rather long memories. It will be remem-bered that Mayor Van Wyck affronted them about a year ago by saying that they were slow and gave their attention properly push the work on the bridge. It was intimated to the commissioners last week that it was about time for them to week that it was about time for them to invite the mayor to make his trip. Then, it is alleged, the commissioners "winked at each other over the telephone." They met and passed, without a dissenting vote, a motion declaring that, on account of the necessity of protecting public life and preventing interruptions to the workmen, no should be issued for any one to cross the foot bridge.

Scarcity of Panama Hats. The man who bought his Panama straw

tain average sizes. These hats have sud become the fashion all over the They are as much in demand abroad as they are here, and the scarcity is the same there. This sudden demand was too much for the makers, who had laid up no reserve stock. Now our prices

are \$35 for a hat that cost only three-fifths of that amount last year, and at that price they are to be had only in certain sizes. Others could not be had here at any NO PASSES OVER THE NEW BRIDGE ply will come in."

The Shirt Waist Man.

Evolution in the case of the shirt waist man has reached its climax here. He has attached a corset. It is a girdle corset to confine his manly waist within proper limits without impeding the freedom of chest and arms, and its patentee, a clever woman, has put it on the market just at the critical moment. It is modeled after feminine ideals—when man copies woman's garb he must take the consequences—and is, in fact, another addition, only more so, of the curious little harness of ribbon and whale-bone to which a supple actress stood sponsor. For ribbons the shirt waist man will substitute broad tapes, which cross and recross, held together at intervals by bones so pliable as scarcely to be perceptible. its feminine consort. Its practical use is to give a sufficiently firm foundation to insure the fit of the shirt waist and the mainte mance of the waist connection without wrinkles. It is worn loosely laced and

fastens with the usual four hooks. Gift to the City's Blind. The time-honored custom of giving the city's blind their dole of \$50 a year has been deferred this year on account of the inability of the investigators to examine

all the applicants. There are 743 applications already in. All but eighty-three have been examined. These eighty-three com-prehend the sick blind. After all the appliants have been examined and duly certified it will consume some time to make up the roll, and it will not be before July 15 that the city's blind will be given their gratuity. Last year the appropriation was \$30,000. This year the amount has been increased by \$5,000. J. B. Haggin's New Palace. James B. Haggin, the millionaire mine

wner and horşeman, has bought the Progress Club property on 5th avenue and will erect there what, it is predicted, will be the finest mansion in the city. Mr. Haggin pays \$735,000 for the site, and the house which he intends to build will cost not less timn \$1,000.000. Mr. Haggin will get pos-session of the property in about six months, and as soon as he does the work of demol-ishing the handsome club house will be be-

Advent of the Horse Show Craze. The horse show create has struck the summer resident hard. The latest victims are a number of wealthy summer residents of Bay Shore, up ion Great South bay, L. I. not have an opportunity to cross the foot- It has been decided to hold an open-air horse show there on August 9 and 10. Thoroughbreds, iff twenty-three classes, such as are usually found at a horse show of this kind, will compete for trophles valued at about \$50 apiece. A pony race, a one-mile trotting event, best two in three heats, and an exciting game of polo are among the innovations calculated to please the on-lookers. A intuber of lovers of horseflesh living in Engolklyn have signified their intention of exhibiting, and the dates selected fit in very well with a sort of sumselected fit in very well with a sort of summer horse show circuit, which includes meetings at Atlantic City, Long Branch, Southampton and Newport. This insures the appearance of many horses which are to appear at these places.

United States Veteran Navy. Deep interest is felt in the organization of the United States Veteran Navy, of which Commodore F. H. Grove of this city is the commanding flag officer. The great victories achieved in the Spanish war thrilled the hearts of the American people

Navy was therefore a consummation much Squadrons are being organized throughout the different cities of the Union, where veterans of both the civil and Spanish wars meet in unison and harmony menting in love and friendship all sections important events, since January, 1898, afof the country.

Courts-Martial in Cuba.

Copies of special orders received at the War Department contain the records of eight court-martial cases in the department of Cuba. In the case of Private Joseph McCormick, Troop K, 2d Cavalry, who was tried on a charge of larceny, found guilty and sentenced to dishonorable discharge and a year's confinement at hard labor, General Wood pronounced the proceedings of the court irregular. It appears that the witnesses of the act for which the trooper was tried were all members of his own troop, and therefore, in order to short-en the record, the president of the court announced that the usual question as to identification would be dispensed with. "The record of a general court-martial," said General Wood, "has been made as short as experience teaches it can safely be, and experiments in greater brevity * * cannot be permitted." The irregularities, however, did not invalidate the proceedings. The case were all of minor importance.

Volunteer Officers Honorably Discharged. Brigadier General James F. Smith, U. S. V., has been honorably discharged, to take

effect on the 17th instant. Captain James T. Ord. Porto Rico Regiment, U. S. V., has been honorably dis-charged on account of physical disability, to take effect on the 30th instant.

The Brooklyn to Be Docked. The Navy Department received a cable gram this morning from Admiral Remey at Sydney, Australia, stating that in order to have her stern gear repacked, his flagship, the Brooklyn, would have to go into dry dock at that place and remain until the 6th of July, shortly after which date she will leave for Cavite, P. I. Admiral Kempff, who has been in Chinese waters aboard the Kentucky, has left Woosung for Nagasaki, Japan, on his way back to Cabe detained in Australian waters longer than he now anticipates Admiral Kempff will be at Cavite to take charge of affairs there when Admiral Rodgers leaves on the New York to take part in the ceremonies attending the unveiling of the Perry monu-ment in Japan, July 14.

The Commerce of Chile. The value of Chile's exports last year ex eeded that of her imports by \$14,284,820, according to the statistics of Chile's foreign ommerce, copies of which Mr. Lenderink, our secretary of legation at Santiago, has furnished the State Department. As compared with 1899, there was an increase of \$5,105,840 in the exportation of mineral products, and a falling off of \$3,354,309 in the exportation of agricultural products. Last year's wheat crop was a partial failure and its exportation accordingly decreased to the amount of \$1,337,556. In fact, Chile could not pose as an exporter of wheat last year, for she was obliged to import several car-goes from the United States and Australia.

American Yacht for the Kaiser. The Emperor of Germany has ordered a schooner yacht to be designed by a firm of naval architects in New York. The yacht will be built in the United States. It is to be constructed on similar lines to the American schooner yacht Yampa, which the Em-peror of Germany purchased some time ago.

Prize Money Warrants Issued. The Treasury Department today issued two warrants that recall the battle of Manila bay. One was for \$517 in favor of Mrs. A. E. Brumby, administratrix of the The man who bought his Panama straw hat last year was lucky, for they are practically out of the market here today. Those that are to be had are held by the dealers at \$35. This price is not likely to decrease.

"The South American makers are absolutely unable to meet the demand," said one of the salesmen in the largest hat store in 5th avenue yesterday afternoon, "and for two months we have practically the salesmen in the largest hat store in 5th avenue yesterday afternoon, "and for two months we have practically and not salesmen in the largest hat store in 5th avenue yesterday afternoon, "and for two months we have practically the field of the American people with patriotic pride, yet when the naval cream people with patriotic pride, yet when the naval cream people with patriotic pride, yet when the naval cream people with patriotic pride, yet when the naval cream people with patriotic pride, yet when the naval cream people with patriotic pride, yet when the naval cream people with patriotic pride, yet when the naval cream people with patriotic pride, yet when the naval cream people with patriotic pride, yet when the naval decrease.

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Some of the More Important Events Since January, 1898. An official of the War Department has prepared a statement showing a few of the

fecting the personnel of the army, as fol-Increase of two artillery regiments. Increase of companies in infantry regiments from eight to twelve.

Increase of troops in cavalry regiments from ten to twelve. Mobilization, organization, muster-in,

transportation, repatriation and muster-out of 238,500 volunteers. Enlistment of regular army from 26,000 to 62,000; subsequent reduction on account of discharges granted under General Orders 40 of 1898, and then again its increase to

65,000. Enlistment, under the act approved March , 1899, of 35,000 volunteers from the country at large, and organized into twenty-five egiments of infantry and one regiment of principal corn states. Cutworms are, howcavalry; transportation of twenty-two of the regiments to the Philippines, and re-patriation and muster-out of the twenty-suffering seriously from lack of cultivation patriation and muster-out of the twentyive (latter expected to be completed about

June 30).

The organization of the present Porto Rico Regiment of Infantry and plans completed for its reorganization as a provisional regiment of infantry of two battalions of four companies each.

Establishment of the divisions of the Philippines and Cuba (latter now Depart-ment of Cuba) and Departments of Alaska

and Porto Rico, together with the merging of the latter into the Department of the Increase of number of batteries in artillery regiments from twelve to fourteen. Abolition of the regimental organization of artillery and the corps of artillery substituted therefor, with an increase from

88 to 156 batteries and the appointment of a chief of artillery.

Establishment of the grades of sergeants major, senior and junior, for the artillery

Establishment of the grade of electrician ergeants for each coast artillery post having electrical appliances. Increase of five regiments of cavalry. Increase of five regiments of infantry.

Increase of band for each cavalry and in fantry regiment and ten bands for the artillery corps.
Increase of two battalions of engineers and hand. Rank of regimental adjutants and quar

termasters increased to captain.

Establishment of grade of regimental commissary with rank of first lieutenant and subsequent increase to captain.

commissaries.
Establishment of grade of veterinary surgeons, with pay and allowances of second lieutenants (mounted).
Establishment of grades of battalion and squadron sergeants major.

Appointment of chaplains for each regi-

ment of cavalry and infantry and twelve for the artillery corps. Establishment of grade of quartermaster sergeant for each troop, company and battery.
Enlistment of two cooks for each troop, company and battery.
Enlistment of two color sergeants for

each regiment of cavalry and infantry.

Increase of number of officers in regular army from 2.164 to 3.820. Increase of enlisted force of the regular army from 26,000 to 77,287, with authority for further increase to 100,000 should necessity arise therefor. Increase of number of cadets at West Point from 381 to 482.

Due Progress on Ship Contracts. Rear Admiral Endicott, chief of the bu reau of yards and docks, is back from a trip to Boston and reports due progress in the fulfillment of government ship con-

Trustees Reappointed. Commissioner Macfarland has recom mended the appointment for another term of Messrs. William B. Gurley, B, T. Janney and James B. Nourse as members of the board of trustees of the Industrial Home

Summary of the Reports to the Weather Bureau.

The following is the weather bureau's weekly summary of crop conditions: The central valleys, lake region, Atlantic coast districts and southern states experienced the most favorable temperature conditions of the season, but throughout the Rocky Mountain and Pacific coast regions the week was decidedly cool, with frosts more or less damaging in the central and northern Rocky mountain districts and

portions of California. Abundant and beneficial rains have fallen over portions of the middle Rocky Mountain slope and throughout the spring wheat region, and excessively heavy and damaging rains occurred in the south Atlantic states, while portions of Texas, Missouri and Illinois continue to suffer from drought. Although the week averaged deand Illinois cidedly cool on the Pacific coast the latter part was warm and favorable.

A general and decided improvement in the condition of corn is reported from the ever, causing damage in the Dakotas, and due to excessive rains.
Winter wheat harvest is becoming more

general in Kansas and Missouri, has begun in southern Illinois and Virginia and will begin this week in Kentucky. The crop has experienced very favorable conditions during the week in the central valleys, although damage by fly continues in some sections. On the Pacific coast cool weather has somewhat checked the development of wheat in California, where harvest is in progress in most sections, with good yields. Promising reports continue from Oregon and Washington.

Spring wheat has made rapid advance-ment in the Dakotas and Minnesota, being in excellent condition in the last named

Further improvement in the condition of oats is very generally reported, except in Arkansas and Missouri, where a very poor crop is promised. Harvesting continues in the southern states, being very nearly fin-In the central and western portions of the

cotton belt cotton is generally improved and well cultivated, although needing rain in some sections. In the Carolinas, Georgia and Florida heavy rains have caused much damage, and the crop is greatly in need of cultivation. Transplanting obacco is practically finshed in Kentucky, Virginia and Mary-

land, and is well advanced in Pennsylvania. Ohio and Indiana, the general outlook be ing encouraging, although worms are proving destructive in the Carolinas.

In the states of the Ohio, central Missis-Establishment of grades of battalion and supplied of adjutants, quartermasters and commissaries.

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CONDENSED LOCALS.

Richard Harris was convicted today in the Police Court of assaulting Hattle Wil-liams, and Judge Scott fined him \$10, with the alternative of thirty days in jail. Both parties are colored.

Robert Lee pleaded guilty in the Police Court today of assaulting Waltkins H. Williams by striking him twice in the head with his fist, and Judge Scott fined him \$20, with the alternative of sixty days in jail." William Eilis, colored, today in the Police Court admitted having struck his wife in the head with a plate, but Judge Scott let him off with a fine of \$5. Failure to pay, however, caused him commitment for fif-

Harry Brown, colored, was today charged in the Police Court with stealing a bicycle, valued at \$15, from Francis E. Buckingham. He asked for a trial by jury and was remanded by Judge Scott to await further Mr. H. H. Darneille, the District asset

Mr. H. H. Darneille, the District assessor, has reported to the Commissioners upon a number of requests for the remission of interest and penalties and the cancellation of arrears of taxes. In cases where the tax was properly advertised the assessor recommends adversely, but in cases where there occurred an error in the advertising he recommends that the principal of the tax be received without costs.

Government Receipts.

Government receipts from internal revenue today were \$433,540; customs, \$840,729; miscellaneous, \$86,414. Expenditures, \$535,
600.

The building inspector has reported adversely to the District Commissioners upon the request of John T. Rabbitt for permission to erect a stationary awning, with corrugated iron top and iron supports, in from the warehouse at 981 C street northwest.